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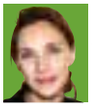

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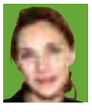

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What did the "raters" like on Facebook?

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Tories think again on more powers for electoral chief

The Conservative government has reversed course and now says it will support an NDP motion to give Elections Canada increased audit powers.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper (below) told the House of Commons on Wednesday his government will support new legislation — as proposed by the official Opposition.

A Tory-dominated committee last month turned down a recommendation by the chief electoral officer for new investigative powers. Marc Mayrand wants to be able to compel parties to back up their financial statements with receipts and details.

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Air Canada chaos set to ruin March break?

Strike threat. Our pension concerns are not being addressed, angry union members warn the airline

Air Canada's biggest union is threatening to strike just as the busy March Break travel season gets under way.

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Union vice-president Dave Ritchie said Wednesday the machinists, cargo agents and baggage handlers rejected a tentative deal because Air Canada hasn't addressed the pension concerns — especially after members agreed to millions of dollars in cost cutting to help the airline restructure.

The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers said its 8,600 members will walk off the job if they don't get a new deal by 12:01 a.m ET on Mar. 12.

Ritchie said if the union were to strike, flights would be grounded because its members provide crucial services such as fixing and deicing planes.

"If we hit the lines, flights will be grounded," he said.

Ritchie said the union's negotiating committee underestimated the anger of its membership, who rejected a tentative deal by a 66 per cent margin.

Of particular concern are wages and a sizable pension deficit, which the union says Air Canada has not dealt with, despite the sale of $2 billion in assets.

The union had already agreed in 2009 to defer payment on its pension plan until 2014, but the company is asking for $350 million in pension concessions while top executives continue to be paid handsomely, Ritchie declared.

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Facebook is already an established screening tool for hiring managers — but new research shows it can also be an indicator for job success.

Researchers say a 10-minute sift through a Facebook profile can predict how a job candidate will perform in the workplace more accurately than a personality assessment test.

Researchers found the Facebook scores were more accurate in predicting success than personality tests in areas like conscientiousness, emotional stability, agreeableness and openness to experience.

What did the "raters" like on Facebook?

People who travel and enjoy new experiences, people with hobbies and creative interests and people with friends and a sense of humour.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Parliament

Tories think again on more powers for electoral chief

The Conservative government has reversed course and now says it will support an NDP motion to give Elections Canada increased audit powers.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper (below) told the House of Commons on Wednesday his government will support new legislation — as proposed by the official Opposition.

A Tory-dominated committee last month turned down a recommendation by the chief electoral officer for new investigative powers. Marc Mayrand wants to be able to compel parties to back up their financial statements with receipts and details.

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Air Canada chaos set to ruin March break?

Strike threat. Our pension concerns are not being addressed, angry union members warn the airline

Air Canada's biggest union is threatening to strike just as the busy March Break travel season gets under way.

Its members are furious over what they consider the airline's refusal to deal with pension issues.

Union vice-president Dave Ritchie said Wednesday the machinists, cargo agents and baggage handlers rejected a tentative deal because Air Canada hasn't addressed the pension concerns — especially after members agreed to millions of dollars in cost cutting to help the airline restructure.

The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers said its 8,600 members will walk off the job if they don't get a new deal by 12:01 a.m ET on Mar. 12.

Ritchie said if the union were to strike, flights would be grounded because its members provide crucial services such as fixing and deicing planes.

"If we hit the lines, flights will be grounded," he said.

Ritchie said the union's negotiating committee underestimated the anger of its membership, who rejected a tentative deal by a 66 per cent margin.

Of particular concern are wages and a sizable pension deficit, which the union says Air Canada has not dealt with, despite the sale of $2 billion in assets.

The union had already agreed in 2009 to defer payment on its pension plan until 2014, but the company is asking for $350 million in pension concessions while top executives continue to be paid handsomely, Ritchie declared.

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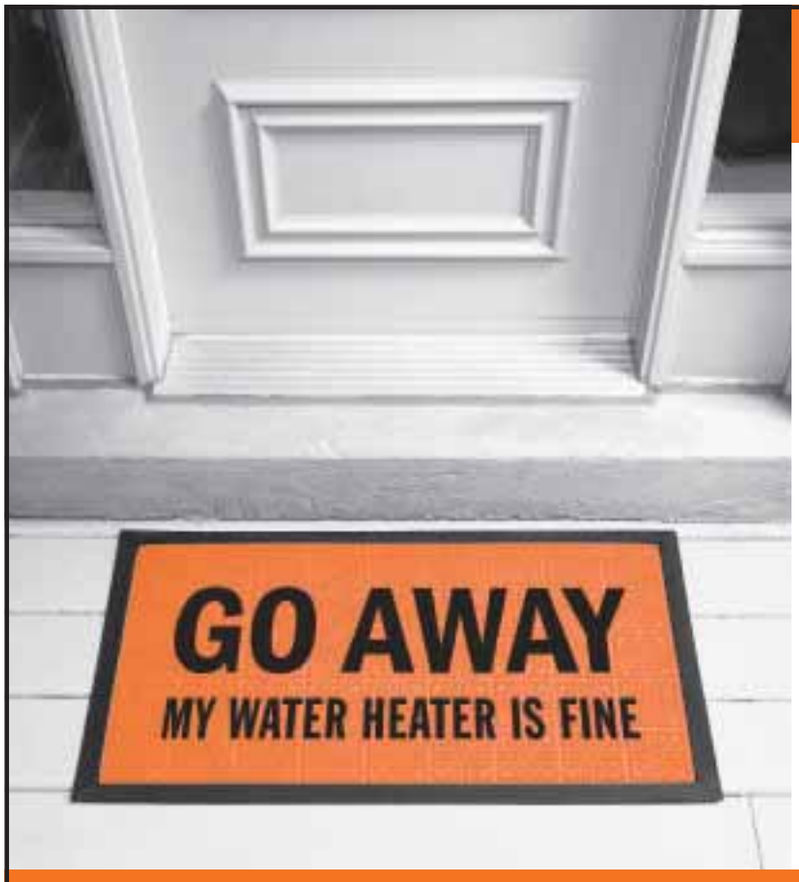

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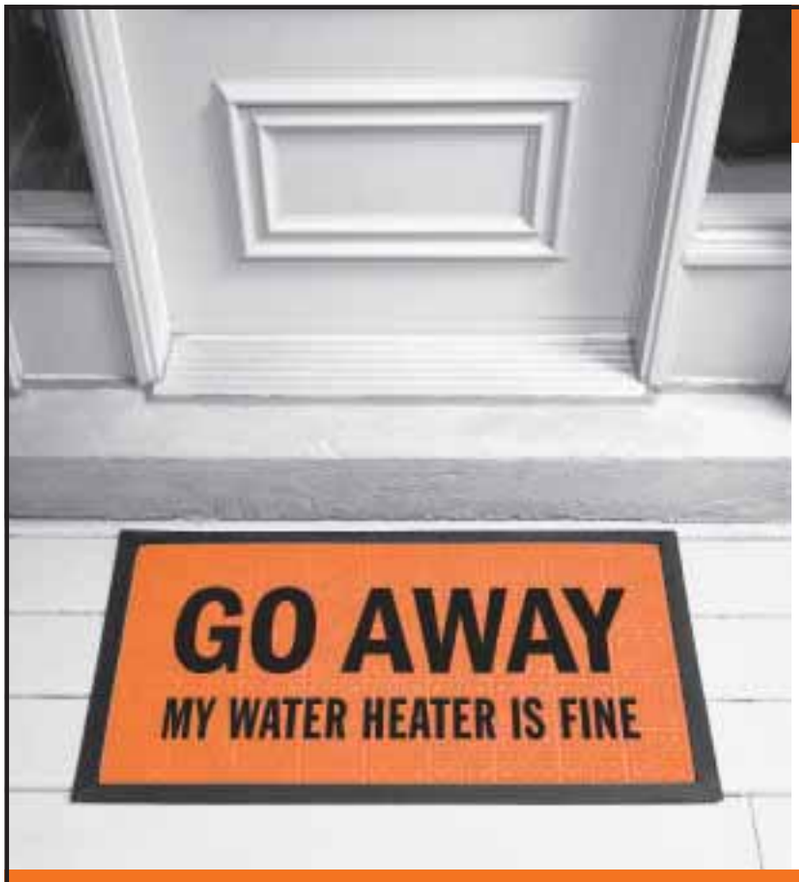

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Potential backpackers would instead be stuck going to neighbourhood bars, ogling women and drinking whiskey. And, let's face it, that's really kind of pathetic.

So remember, the important thing is to share your stories and listen to your fellow travellers, speaking in a condescending tone one might use with a clever dog. "Oh, you went THERE. Good for YOU. That's really GREAT."

And, barring that, just remember the greatest travel quote ever, as penned by novelist Robert L. Coburg. I'd rehash it here, but you know what it is. Of course.

One unwritten rule of the backpackers' road: bluff. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The female Arnolds

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The women

Online buzz for bodybuilders

NEW YORK. German-born, N.Y.C.-based photographer Martin Schoeller shot the ladies of the Olympia bodybuilding competitions years ago, for a book.

But this week, they went viral. "I wanted to get behind the bodybuilder's mask, behind the profession and bring out the person beneath everything," he says. **MWN**

Generating

"These were women who loved what they were doing, and they were willing to work at it."
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Online

Why people forwarded it ...

NEW YORK. Hot aggregation sites like buzzfeed.com are on constant lookout for photo essays of the weird and wonderful.

These photos got thousands of hits there and on the Huffington Post for the same reason Schoeller started the project. "I thought to myself, 'Why would anyone possibly want to look like that?'" he says. **MWN**

Criticism

... and why people got mean

NEW YORK. Though Schoeller is grateful that the project is getting attention almost four years after publication, he was especially shocked by negative comments online.

"People were hateful to these women. I knew there would be controversy, but I didn't expect that. Our notions of what is beautiful are so narrow." **MWN**

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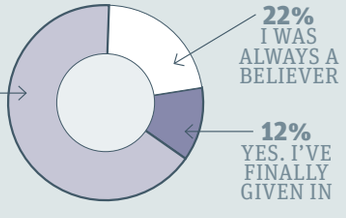

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So remember, the important thing is to share your stories and listen to your fellow travellers, speaking in a condescending tone one might use with a clever dog. "Oh, you went THERE. Good for YOU. That's really GREAT."

And, barring that, just remember the greatest travel quote ever, as penned by novelist Robert L. Coburg. I'd rehash it here, but you know what it is. Of course.

One unwritten rule of the backpackers' road: bluff. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The female Arnolds

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The women

Online buzz for bodybuilders

NEW YORK. German-born, N.Y.C.-based photographer Martin Schoeller shot the ladies of the Olympia bodybuilding competitions years ago, for a book.

But this week, they went viral. "I wanted to get behind the bodybuilder's mask, behind the profession and bring out the person beneath everything," he says. **MWN**

Generating

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Online

Why people forwarded it ...

NEW YORK. Hot aggregation sites like buzzfeed.com are on constant lookout for photo essays of the weird and wonderful.

These photos got thousands of hits there and on the Huffington Post for the same reason Schoeller started the project. "I thought to myself, 'Why would anyone possibly want to look like that?'" he says. **MWN**

Criticism

... and why people got mean

NEW YORK. Though Schoeller is grateful that the project is getting attention almost four years after publication, he was especially shocked by negative comments online.

"People were hateful to these women. I knew there would be controversy, but I didn't expect that. Our notions of what is beautiful are so narrow." **MWN**

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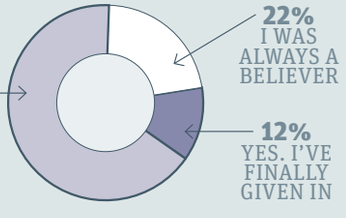

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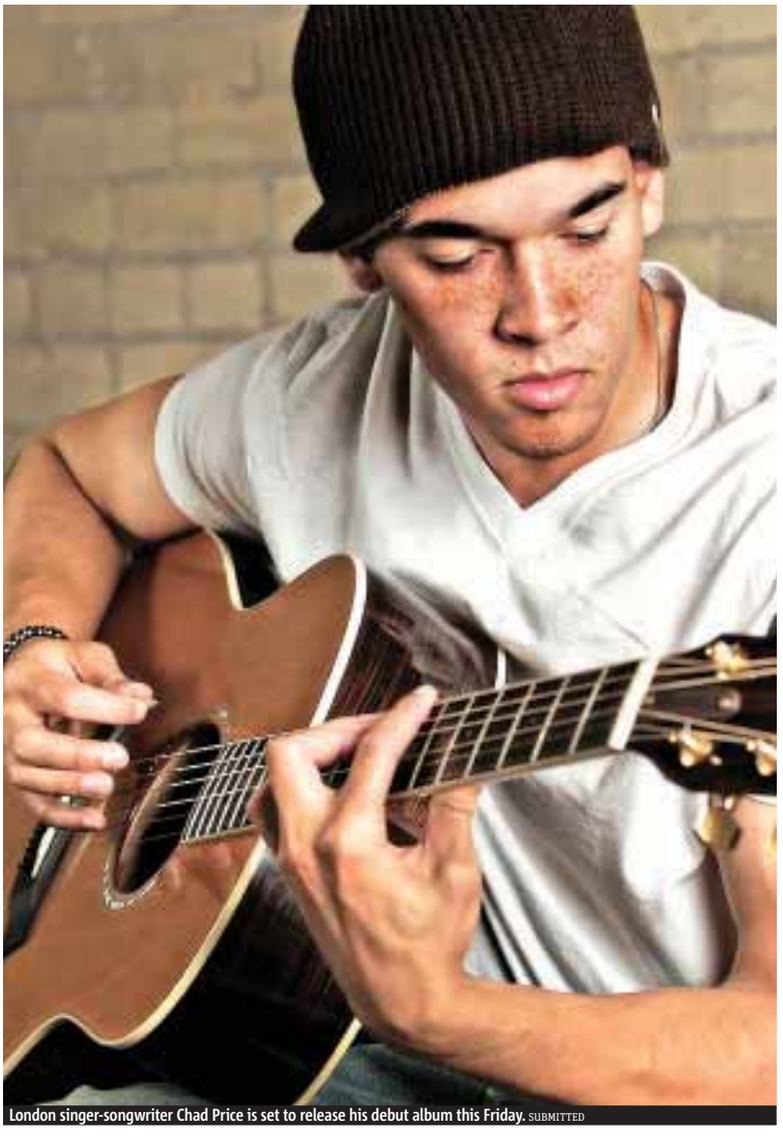

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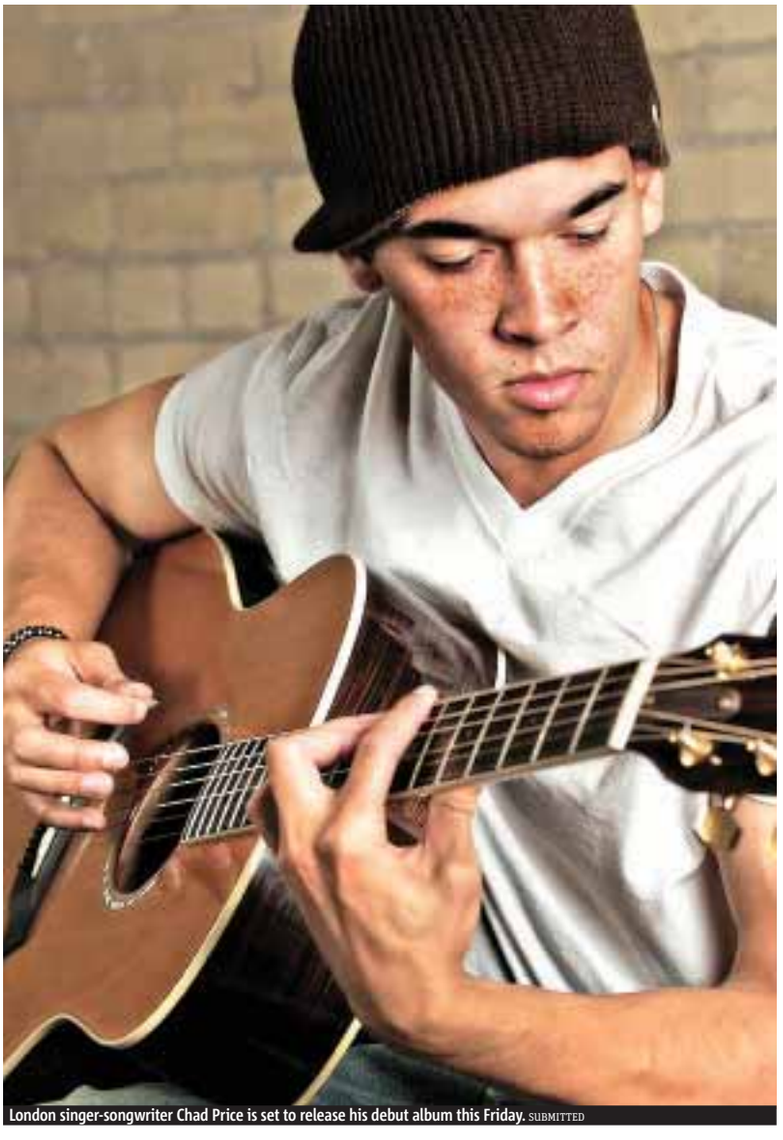

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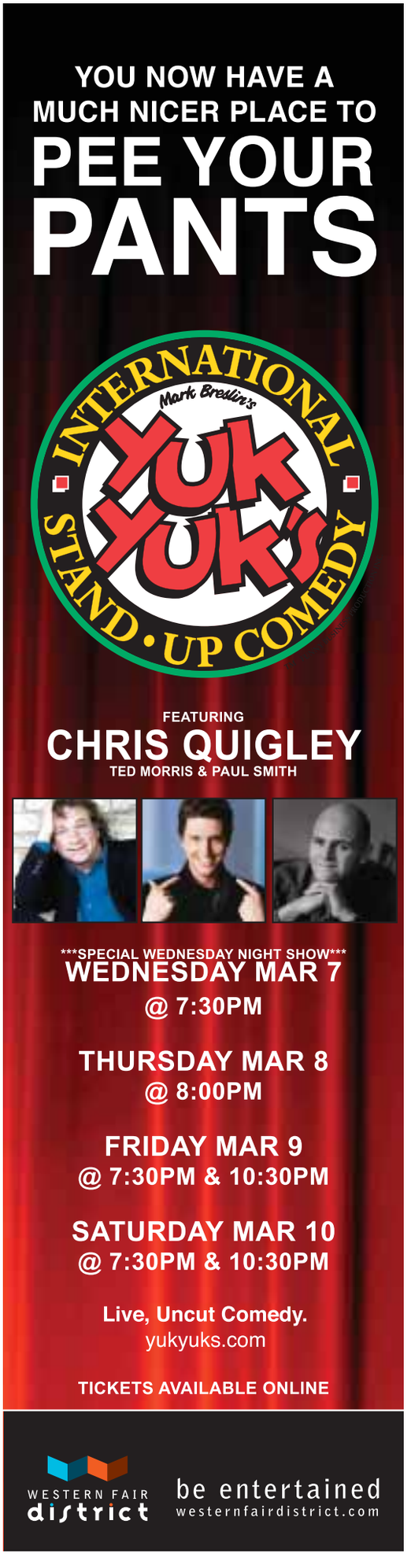

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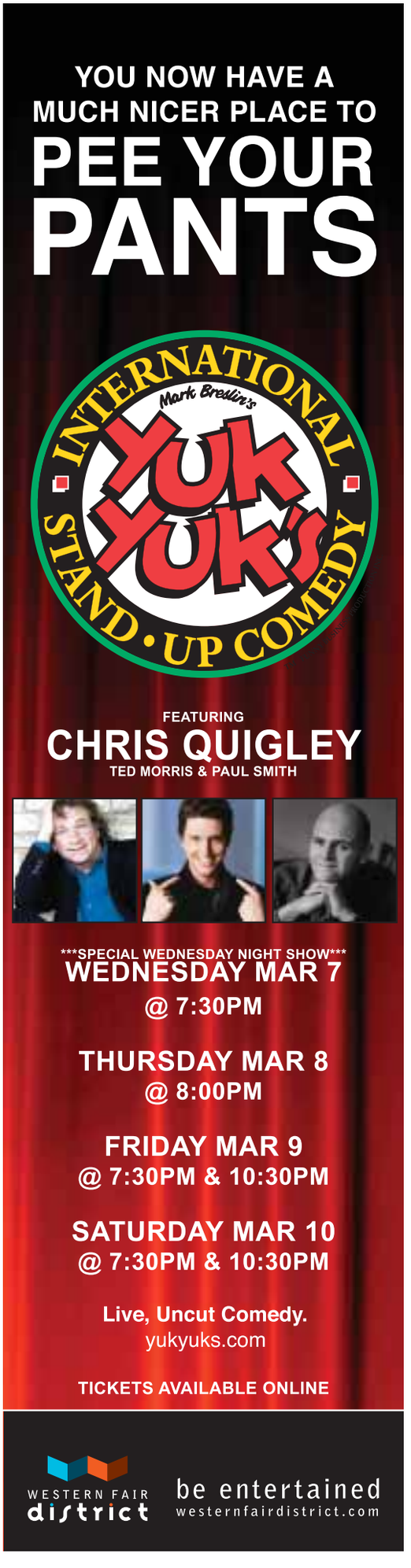

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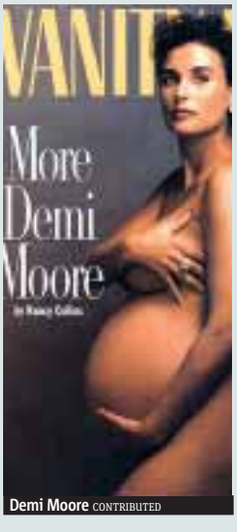

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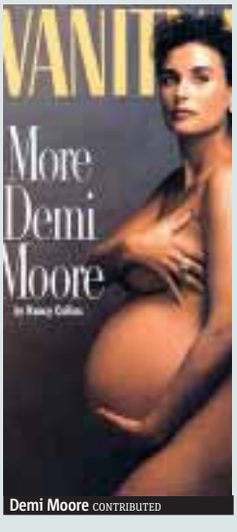

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5 shows that rocked the Paris runways

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Givenchy

Riccardo Tisci's show, always one of the most hotly anticipated on the Paris calendar, didn't disappoint with a collection inspired by the equestrian world and the '70s work of photographer Guy Bourdin.

Forget the sexless tweedy hunting set; Tisci's horsey theme was racy with an S&M sensibility.

2

Louis Vuitton

Marc Jacobs chose to summon up a bygone era of luxury travel for his Louis Vuitton show. The large, flamboyant hats were back, only slightly more refined. Same with the embroidered jackets, dresses and coats that the models wore layered over long skirts and wide, cropped pants. Unconventional, yes. But don't be surprised to see outsize layers trickling down to the high street come next season.

3

Yves Saint Laurent

Stefano Pilati bade farewell to the infamous Parisian fashion house after a 10-year tenure.

There were no tears, just a collection of chic, predominantly black silhouettes that referenced the house's '70s and '80s eras. The macabre colour palette, cinched waists, sizeable lapels, wide shoulders and sharp tailoring marked what could be regarded as a somber day for Pilati.

However, the leather tunic tops, trousers and chainmail dresses redolent of strength and resilience were lightened in mood with the introduction of an embroidered calla lily.

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Kenzo

It's no easy task to impress hundreds of soggy, cranky fashion editors who schlepped through the rain to a far-out part of Paris to see a 15-minute show.

But that's what Humberto Leon and Carol Lim did for their second collection as creative directors of Kenzo.

The collection was just as fun as the show experience itself, featuring clothes that struck the right balance between creative, original and wearable. There were tailored and knit separates in autumnal florals and grapes; silk jumpsuits in vaguely Asian silhouettes; skirt and trouser suits in a mash-up of graphic combos — the list goes on.

5

Barbara Bui

Barbara Bui referenced Asia in a series of silk dresses and jackets that came printed or embroidered with Chinese tigers and florals. Nothing was quite as memorable as the androgynous trouser suits she did in black and white for evening that opened the show. They were chic and simple and best showed off her knack for cutting a mean pair of pants, a talent women the world over seek her out for.

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Riccardo Tisci's show, always one of the most hotly anticipated on the Paris calendar, didn't disappoint with a collection inspired by the equestrian world and the '70s work of photographer Guy Bourdin.

Forget the sexless tweedy hunting set; Tisci's horsey theme was racy with an S&M sensibility.

2

Louis Vuitton

Marc Jacobs chose to summon up a bygone era of luxury travel for his Louis Vuitton show. The large, flamboyant hats were back, only slightly more refined. Same with the embroidered jackets, dresses and coats that the models wore layered over long skirts and wide, cropped pants. Unconventional, yes. But don't be surprised to see outsize layers trickling down to the high street come next season.

3

Yves Saint Laurent

Stefano Pilati bade farewell to the infamous Parisian fashion house after a 10-year tenure.

There were no tears, just a collection of chic, predominantly black silhouettes that referenced the house's '70s and '80s eras. The macabre colour palette, cinched waists, sizeable lapels, wide shoulders and sharp tailoring marked what could be regarded as a somber day for Pilati.

However, the leather tunic tops, trousers and chainmail dresses redolent of strength and resilience were lightened in mood with the introduction of an embroidered calla lily.

4

Kenzo

It's no easy task to impress hundreds of soggy, cranky fashion editors who schlepped through the rain to a far-out part of Paris to see a 15-minute show.

But that's what Humberto Leon and Carol Lim did for their second collection as creative directors of Kenzo.

The collection was just as fun as the show experience itself, featuring clothes that struck the right balance between creative, original and wearable. There were tailored and knit separates in autumnal florals and grapes; silk jumpsuits in vaguely Asian silhouettes; skirt and trouser suits in a mash-up of graphic combos — the list goes on.

5

Barbara Bui

Barbara Bui referenced Asia in a series of silk dresses and jackets that came printed or embroidered with Chinese tigers and florals. Nothing was quite as memorable as the androgynous trouser suits she did in black and white for evening that opened the show. They were chic and simple and best showed off her knack for cutting a mean pair of pants, a talent women the world over seek her out for.

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Please let me know what you think of these issues. Will they be costly to repair?

Thanks,
Renuka

Dear Renuka,

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Ingredients

4 portions
Preparation: 20 minutes
Cooking: 40 minutes

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- 1 tablespoon (15 ml) garlic ginger paste
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) plain yogurt
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- 1 cup (250 ml) light cream (20%)
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1 Preheat a grill. Put the chicken in a bowl, add the tandoori masala, garlic-ginger paste and yogurt and mix well, until the chicken is coated.

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3 Remove the chicken from the dish and set aside.

4 Pour the juices from the baking dish into a pan and add the tomatoes, garam masala, paprika, cream and sugar.

5 Bring the mixture to a boil and cook over high heat for 10 minutes, until the sauce is thick and creamy. Add the cooked chicken, the ghee and salt and simmer for 3 minutes, until the ghee melts and the chicken is heated through.

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On women's rights:

Bekky: It's always necessary to fight for whatever rights you can. I think that we have to defend ourselves. When people aren't paying attention to what their rights are, their rights are taken away from them. We're very fortunate to be living in Canada where (human rights) are less of an issue than in other parts of the world, but I think that gay rights and queer rights and trans rights and rights of these even more marginalized groups than women are what come to mind as being more important to fight for nowadays.

Jeanne: Certainly in this country.

Bekky: Exactly, and I think that's an important distinction to make.

Jeanne: And we have special rights too. When I think of how, when I decided to have a baby all those years ago, there was no such thing as a year of mat leave. Now it's thrilling that women have that option today — they certainly did not have it 20-odd years ago when I was having my kids.

Lessons from motherhood:

Jeanne: I've learned that it's important to be very open-minded. I was a pretty open-minded individual but you have to be even more open-minded. I feel I'm still learning not to be quick to judge, more tolerant. I think my kids just teach me to be a better person because they've taught me a lot about unconditional love and the necessity of encouraging people to blaze their own trails and not follow in footsteps. The number one question that I absolutely detest is when people ask if my daughters are following my footsteps. What do you think, I've raised a couple of followers, I've raised a couple of wimps? Without question, my daughters are blazing their own trails as I feel that I did and would never want them to just be a second act in that way. They're an opening act for their own generation and hopefully one day maybe their own families.

On having it all:

Jeanne: Above all, I think what my daughters taught me is that love will find a way. It sounds really corny, but a lot of people would have looked at me and thought "you've got such a crazy busy career, how can you possibly take the time to sit back and have a family?" I went back to work after like three weeks with each of them. (…) I had to protect what I had worked so hard for, and I didn't grow up at a time when I thought I could have it all. And I still think you can, in bits and pieces maybe and maybe not all at once, but I'm determined to kill myself trying. They really taught me that love will find a way and that if you really are passionate about something, if you really love something, you will find a way to make it work in your life. Just don't take no for an answer.

On having children:

Jeanne: Do it! do it! do it! You don't need a lot of children, but at least one, or maybe two, if you can! If you can, not everyone can, not everyone's inclined to and inspired to, but if you're sitting on the fence and you're thinking about it, I say yes, just do it. It really gives you incredible perspective on the human experience and it's the most rewarding thing. To me it's the best thing I ever did in my life.

Bekky: Having children, I don't know. *Raising* children, I think yes, if you have the ability to love and provide for and take care of another person, that is probably —well, I don't know, I haven't done it, maybe it's terrible — but I think it's the kindest, most generous thing you can do.

Joey: I don't know. Yeah, I could have children but if I couldn't for some reason, I would love to adopt.

Life lessons from Mom

Bekky

- **Do it all.** Anything is possible if you want it enough; that it is important to be courageous and tenacious and inexhaustible; and that you can do all these things in a pair of four-inch high heels and still look fabulous while you are doing it.

Joey

- **Don't settle.** I think that she didn't settle is something that I really love and that she's still pushing to fulfill her dreams. We understand that, and there are sacrifices and we don't get to spend all the time in the world with her. And she does fall asleep during movies because she's so exhausted.

On marriage:

Bekky: (It's) very useful? Perhaps a bit outdated. I recently got married to my partner because we couldn't live in the same country. I never believed in marriage, I didn't want the big white dress with the flowers, it just wasn't my thing! (…)

Joey: If you're going to be together, why do you need to prove it to anyone, why do you need a symbol? Then again, I guess I always imagined it being one day a part of my life, so I'm still not sure where I stand.

Jeanne: As someone who's been married twice… Love was definitely a big part of it. When you're younger, there's a lot more idealism associated with marriage, obviously because you're so intent on getting it right, you dream about that, there's never really any doubt in your mind that you will get it right. But as you get older and you realize how many people don't get it right or can't make it work, can't make it last. (…) At this stage of the game, I still say that if I was so inclined, madly, crazy, mentally in love —the operative word is mentally— in love with someone, or really found the right person that I really wanted to share my life with to that degree, because I think it really speaks of a true partnership, I would do it.

On the Kardashians:

Jeanne: Oooooohh!

Joey: I don't know who they are?

Jeanne: We don't watch them at our house. We don't allow that.

Advice to women:

Bekky: Read books by women. (…) Figure out who you are and be proud of it. I think so many girls want to be someone else because it's easier and I think that denying the things you love is dangerous. Embrace what you need out of life.

Jeanne: I'd say go for it, be fearless, be tenacious, and to thine own self be true. Dream big, but work hard, and never give up.

Bekky: Always carry a pair of flats in your purse!

Jeanne: I never do!

Joey: I gave you those flats to carry and you put them in the basement!

Jeanne: The ones in my stocking? Were those from you?

Joey: Yes!!

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Bekky: It's always necessary to fight for whatever rights you can. I think that we have to defend ourselves. When people aren't paying attention to what their rights are, their rights are taken away from them. We're very fortunate to be living in Canada where (human rights) are less of an issue than in other parts of the world, but I think that gay rights and queer rights and trans rights and rights of these even more marginalized groups than women are what come to mind as being more important to fight for nowadays.

Jeanne: Certainly in this country.

Bekky: Exactly, and I think that's an important distinction to make.

Jeanne: And we have special rights too. When I think of how, when I decided to have a baby all those years ago, there was no such thing as a year of mat leave. Now it's thrilling that women have that option today — they certainly did not have it 20-odd years ago when I was having my kids.

Lessons from motherhood:

Jeanne: I've learned that it's important to be very open-minded. I was a pretty open-minded individual but you have to be even more open-minded. I feel I'm still learning not to be quick to judge, more tolerant. I think my kids just teach me to be a better person because they've taught me a lot about unconditional love and the necessity of encouraging people to blaze their own trails and not follow in footsteps. The number one question that I absolutely detest is when people ask if my daughters are following my footsteps. What do you think, I've raised a couple of followers, I've raised a couple of wimps? Without question, my daughters are blazing their own trails as I feel that I did and would never want them to just be a second act in that way. They're an opening act for their own generation and hopefully one day maybe their own families.

On having it all:

Jeanne: Above all, I think what my daughters taught me is that love will find a way. It sounds really corny, but a lot of people would have looked at me and thought "you've got such a crazy busy career, how can you possibly take the time to sit back and have a family?" I went back to work after like three weeks with each of them. (…) I had to protect what I had worked so hard for, and I didn't grow up at a time when I thought I could have it all. And I still think you can, in bits and pieces maybe and maybe not all at once, but I'm determined to kill myself trying. They really taught me that love will find a way and that if you really are passionate about something, if you really love something, you will find a way to make it work in your life. Just don't take no for an answer.

On having children:

Jeanne: Do it! do it! do it! You don't need a lot of children, but at least one, or maybe two, if you can! If you can, not everyone can, not everyone's inclined to and inspired to, but if you're sitting on the fence and you're thinking about it, I say yes, just do it. It really gives you incredible perspective on the human experience and it's the most rewarding thing. To me it's the best thing I ever did in my life.

Bekky: Having children, I don't know. *Raising* children, I think yes, if you have the ability to love and provide for and take care of another person, that is probably —well, I don't know, I haven't done it, maybe it's terrible — but I think it's the kindest, most generous thing you can do.

Joey: I don't know. Yeah, I could have children but if I couldn't for some reason, I would love to adopt.

Life lessons from Mom

Bekky

- **Do it all.** Anything is possible if you want it enough; that it is important to be courageous and tenacious and inexhaustible; and that you can do all these things in a pair of four-inch high heels and still look fabulous while you are doing it.

Joey

- **Don't settle.** I think that she didn't settle is something that I really love and that she's still pushing to fulfill her dreams. We understand that, and there are sacrifices and we don't get to spend all the time in the world with her. And she does fall asleep during movies because she's so exhausted.

On marriage:

Bekky: (It's) very useful? Perhaps a bit outdated. I recently got married to my partner because we couldn't live in the same country. I never believed in marriage, I didn't want the big white dress with the flowers, it just wasn't my thing! (…)

Joey: If you're going to be together, why do you need to prove it to anyone, why do you need a symbol? Then again, I guess I always imagined it being one day a part of my life, so I'm still not sure where I stand.

Jeanne: As someone who's been married twice… Love was definitely a big part of it. When you're younger, there's a lot more idealism associated with marriage, obviously because you're so intent on getting it right, you dream about that, there's never really any doubt in your mind that you will get it right. But as you get older and you realize how many people don't get it right or can't make it work, can't make it last. (…) At this stage of the game, I still say that if I was so inclined, madly, crazy, mentally in love —the operative word is mentally— in love with someone, or really found the right person that I really wanted to share my life with to that degree, because I think it really speaks of a true partnership, I would do it.

On the Kardashians:

Jeanne: Oooooohh!

Joey: I don't know who they are?

Jeanne: We don't watch them at our house. We don't allow that.

Advice to women:

Bekky: Read books by women. (…) Figure out who you are and be proud of it. I think so many girls want to be someone else because it's easier and I think that denying the things you love is dangerous. Embrace what you need out of life.

Jeanne: I'd say go for it, be fearless, be tenacious, and to thine own self be true. Dream big, but work hard, and never give up.

Bekky: Always carry a pair of flats in your purse!

Jeanne: I never do!

Joey: I gave you those flats to carry and you put them in the basement!

Jeanne: The ones in my stocking? Were those from you?

Joey: Yes!!

Jeanne: I thought they were from Santa. I was looking for them, I'll take them to Paris.

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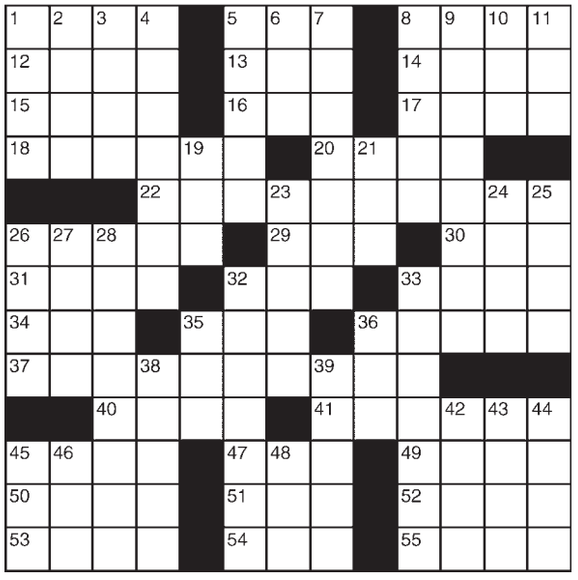

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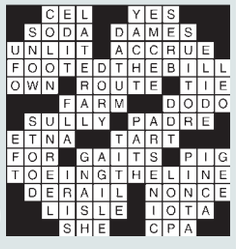

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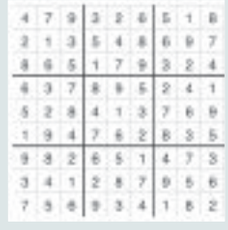

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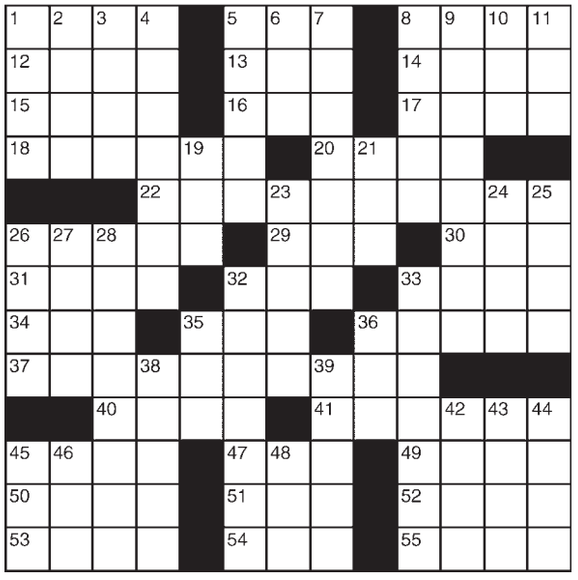

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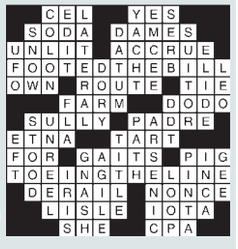

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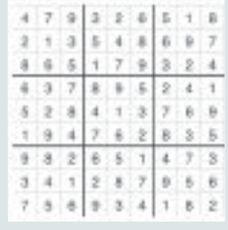

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